(b) and (c) There is no proposal to increase the amount in the pattern of assistance during the current financial year. The quantum of financial assistance will, however, depend upon the number of National Service Scheme volunteers actually enrolled.

Implementation of National Education Policy

83. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any review on the implementation of National Education Policy ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the reports received from different States in this regard ;

(c) whether there is a need to accelerate the implementation of National Education Policy ; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCH DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) and (b) The Government have taken steps for implementation of the National Policy on Education, and in furtherance of its objectives, have launched a number of schemes in all fields of Education like Operation Blackboard, Non-formal Education, restructuring of Teacher Education, establishment of Navodaya Vidyalayas, Vocationalisation of Education, Science Education, Education Technology, improvement of standards of Higher Education, modernisation of Technical Education etc.

The progress of implementation is reviewed from time to time in official meetings at different levels and through correspondence. The physical and financial progress of the schemes is alsoreviewed while releasing grants to State Governments. The schemes are at various stages of implementation in the States.

(c) and (d) Considering the financial and other constraints and the inputs provided, the pace of implementation of various schemes is seen to be, by and large, satisfactory.

Working women's hostels

84. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOUCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of working women's hostels at present in the country ;

(b) what is the state and Union Territory-wise location of these hostels;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to set up some more working women's hostels in Orissa during the current financial year ; and

(d) if so, where?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) 525.

(b) A statement showing State/Union Territory-wise location of projects of Working Women's Hostels is attached at Annexure [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 2]

(c) and (d) State/Union Territory-wise location of projects is not made under the Scheme. Projects are sanctioned on the basis of the applications